

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Insert the following paragraph after the title:

**--Reference to Related Application**

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The present application is a Rule 53(b) divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/855,499, <sup>Filed May 13, 1997</sup> now U.S. Patent No. <sup>6,271,278</sup> --

Page 12: Delete the first paragraph, which discusses Fig. 3, and delete the last paragraph extending onto page 13, which discusses Figs. 6A and 6B. These photographs are cancelled.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Cancel Figs. 3, 6A and 6B.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 1-55 appearing in the parent application filed herewith and enter new claims 1 to 18 as follows:

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*521*  
*50+*  
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--1. A hydrogel foam formed from at least one ethylenically-unsaturated monomer and a multi-olefinic crosslinking agent in the presence of a blowing agent under foaming conditions effective to produce a porous polymer network therein, which network has an average pore size of 10  $\mu$ m to 3000  $\mu$ m.